

Minutes: State Collaborative for System of Care
CHAIRPERSONS: Joel Rosch and Pat Solomon
LOCATION: Governors Crime Commission

DATE: July 26, 2002
START TIME: 9:00 a .m.
END TIME: 11:00 a.m.

NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I		Joann Haggerty, CAI		Stephanie Nantz, GCC	
Austin Connors, CFSA-NC	X	JoAnn Lamm, DSS		Steve Shore, NCPS	
Beth Melcher, NCAMI		Joel Rosch, CCFP	X	Susan Coleman, WCH	
Beverly Hester, WCH	X	John R. Hayes, F.United		Susan Robinson, DMH-CF	
Brad Trotter, DHOH-DMH		John Tote, MHA		Susan Whitten, DJJDP	X
Carol Duncan-Clayton, CCP		Kirstin Frescoln, AOC		Tara Larson, DMH/DD/SA	
Carol Robertson, DMA	X	Lana Dial, AOC		William Hussey, MHPC	
Carol Tant, WCHS		Larry Hayes, DJJDP			
Carolyn Wiser, DMA		Lee Lewis, DMH-SA	X		
Cheryl Waller, CSHS		Linda Gunn-Jones, DMH	X	OTHERS:	
Chuck Harris, DSS		Linda Swann, NAMI	X	Alicia Graham	
Connie Hawkins, ECAC		Lynda Richard, DMH-DD	X	Antonio Coors	
David Horowitz, TPC		Mark Ezzell, GCC		Barbara Thomas, DMH	
Diann Irwin, DPI		Mark O'Donnell, DMH/CF		Joy Gossett, DSS	
Don Herring, DMH-CFS		Martin Pharr, DJJDP		Dr. Richard Visingardi	X
Donn Hargrove, DJJDP		Michael Owens, NCCCP	X	Miriam Saxon AOC	X
Elizabeth Brown, DMH		Michael Schweitzer, DJJDP		Karen Taylor-George DOC	X
Jan Hood, AOC		Michelle Zechmann, GCC			
Jane Volland, GAL		Pat Solomon, F.United	X		
Jennifer Mahan, MHANC	X	Robin Huffman, NCPA			
Jennifer Sullivan, NASW		Sally Cameron, NCPA			
Judy Ritchie, MHA		Sandra Sink, DSS	X		
Joan DeBruyn, DMH		Stephanie Alexander, DMH	X		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	ACTION by Whom and When
(1) Welcome & Introductions (2) Approval of Minutes	<p>Pat Solomon and Joel Rosch opened meeting. Everyone introduced themselves. Joel Rosch introduced a new member, Karen Taylor –George from Department of Correction and is the new Executive director for the NC association of DSS directors. Minutes were approved with one correction regarding Special Provision. The change in the Special Provision has not been passed as of yet and is still on the table. There was some discussion of this issue and the department's position on this was distributed. It was later clarified that this came from the Division as recommendations to the legislature, not from the legislature.</p> <p>It is reported that there is still time for advocates to influence the legislature regarding Special Provisions language.</p>	

Update on Prevention Presentation (Lee Lewis)	Lee Lewis asked whether Prevention Presentation should be to large Collaborative or Core group. Consensus for large Collaborative. Lee will set up for next meeting on August 23, 2002.	
(5) State Plan Update Dr. Visingardi	<p>Dr. Visingardi reported that the state Plan is moving forward. Teams are being trained to help LME's with transition. LME's are moving toward Evidence Based Programs and Best Practices Models. The State is still determining what services are paid for and what's not paid for under Medicaid, Health Choice, etc so that a plan can be developed to address service issues.</p> <p>The Executive Leadership Team has been formed and four of the five new chiefs have been selected. Chiefs are down from 14 to five. Chief of Advocacy and Customer Services has not yet been selected. Dr. Visingardi hopes to have this position filled no later than the end of August. This position will have direct access to the Secretary. A Stakeholders group is being developed and the State Collaborative will have representation on this group. Work groups have been formed to assess needed functions and integrate them into the state plan. A fully integrated transition is expected by January 1, 2003.</p> <p>Dr. Visingardi encourages everyone to look at State Plan and the Reorganization Plan for DMH/DD/SAS posted on the Divisions Web Page.</p> <p>He realizes that the Budget, and the Reorganization cause stress and he is moving as fast as possible to reduce anxiety. He has done away with silo based infrastructure and is encouraging inclusion across disabilities by structuring organization by function rather than disability. Staff are being matched with duties by functions and strengths of their abilities rather than by disabilities. This process is ongoing and structure is being defined as quickly as possible. Dr. Visingardi encourages comments regarding the state plan and reorganization. He has developed a comment and question and answer section on the Web. Each team will have a first and secondary consumer. The new structure emphasizes consumer participation. He is also looking at rehab options adopted by Arizona and Georgia. The Rehab Option will allow for families to bill Medicaid. Joel will distribute a research paper done by the NC Council on this issue to the State Collaborative.</p>	
(6) CUACS Report (Don Herring)	Stephanie Alexander informs group that Don Herring will present on CUACS at a future meeting.	
(7) Insurance	Joel reported that his research in this area has not been completed yet and he will provide information at a later meeting.	

<p>(8) Collaborative Standing Committee Update</p> <p>Assessment</p> <p>Training</p> <p>Evaluation</p>	<p>Assessment Committee still looking at all the various assessment requirements. Attempting to build grid with all assessment requirements. One issue is that each agency has mandates that require specific assessments to be conducted. The number of assessments are even more than expected.</p> <p>Michael Owen reported that the Training Committee is still developing resource list of how training is implemented at the various agencies. This group also wishes to develop a grid and general description of the state's training delivery system showing how training takes place across agencies. Group will continue meeting so they can make recommendations to the Collaborative. Plan to make simple recommendations that will impact system immediately.</p> <p>Evaluation Committee Continues to meet. However consumer and family members are yet to participate. Will explore possibility of including them through telephone conference since travel has proven difficult. The group's last meeting was very well attended with the biggest value of the meeting coming from sharing and discussing how to make use of each other's information. They are continuing discussion on what is their responsibility to the collaborative and how to use data that each agency collects. Their goal is to make a recommendation to the collaborative about what evaluation data that is needed and what format is best suited for use. Pat Solomon states that a bulleted fact sheet has always been the most helpful to parents.</p>	
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(9) Other Business	<p>Stephanie Alexander provided an update on RFA's. The 3% set aside of Comprehensive Treatment Services Program funding awarded to 3 Area Programs to develop ACT teams. Crossroads and Blue Ridge have Adult ACT teams while Neuse has an Adolescent ACT team. ACT team grants provide wraparound services to the clients they serve.</p> <p>Two level 4 secured treatment facilities received grants. A Comprehensive Children's Center in Mecklenburg by Alieda in the west and the Wilson Adolescent Program in the east is attempting to get licensed to provide services.</p> <p>The Omnivision Therapeutic Home for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Alieda had funds transferred to start up this year.</p> <p>RFA's for Whitaker is managed through the Contracts Division, Joe Murphy Chairs this group with the hard to place committee has developed some questions for applicants to provide more detail to what they are proposing.</p>	
(10) Next Meeting	<p>August 23, 2002 is the next large State Collaborative meeting and it will be at the Governors Crime Commission. The small core group Collaborative meeting will be the 2nd Friday of each month and the Big Collaborative meeting will be the 4th Friday of each month. No meetings will take place on any 5th Fridays. Committee meetings will continue randomly as needed, however the 1st and 3rd Fridays are standing dates unless changed by the committees.</p>	